

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of producing a suspicious activity report, comprising:
2 storing configuration information at a transaction processing device, wherein
3 the configuration information configures the device to produce suspicious activity reports
4 based on certain criteria;
5 receiving transaction information;
6 determining, based on the transaction information and the certain criteria,
7 whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared; and
8 generating a suspicious activity report containing at least some of the
9 transaction information.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the suspicious
2 activity report to authorities.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein transmitting the suspicious activity
2 report to authorities comprises:
3 collecting suspicious activity reports at a host computer system; and
4 transmitting the collected suspicious activity reports to a computer system of
5 the authorities.

1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving additional
2 information and including the additional information in the suspicious activity report.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein generating a suspicious activity report
2 comprises:
3 printing a suspicious activity report having a portion of the additional
4 information and also having blanks for receiving additional suspicious activity report
5 information.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the certain criteria comprises a
2 mandatory SAR threshold.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein determining whether a suspicious
2 activity report is to be prepared comprises comparing an amount of a transaction to the
3 mandatory SAR threshold.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the certain criteria comprises a SAR
2 prompt threshold.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein determining whether a suspicious
2 activity report is to be prepared comprises comparing an amount of a transaction to the SAR
3 prompt threshold.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein determining whether a suspicious
2 activity report is to be prepared further comprises:
3 displaying a prompt that asks an operator if he wants to prepare a suspicious
4 activity report; and
5 receiving a response to the prompt.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether a suspicious
2 activity report is to be prepared comprises determining whether an operator has elected to
3 produce an on-demand SAR.

1 12 . The method of claim 1, further comprising printing a report relating to
2 suspicious activity reports produced at the transaction processing device during a period of
3 time.

1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction processing device is
2 configured to print money orders.

1 14. A transaction processing device, comprising:
2 an input device arranged to receive transaction information and SAR
3 information;
4 a display screen arranged to display information to an operator; and
5 application software that programs the transaction device to:
6 store configuration information, wherein the configuration information
7 configures the device to produce suspicious activity reports based on certain criteria;
8 receive transaction information;
9 determine based on the transaction information and the certain criteria,
10 whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared; and

11 generate a suspicious activity report containing at least some of the
12 transaction information.

1 15. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the certain
2 criteria comprises a mandatory SAR threshold.

1 16. The transaction processing device of claim 15, wherein the application
2 software also programs the transaction device to compare an amount of a transaction to the
3 mandatory SAR threshold.

1 17. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the certain
2 criteria comprises a SAR prompt threshold.

1 18. The transaction processing device of claim 17, wherein the application
2 software also programs the transaction device to compare an amount of a transaction to the
3 SAR prompt threshold.

1 19. The transaction processing device of claim 18, wherein the application
2 software further programs the transaction device to:
3 display a prompt that asks an operator if he wants to prepare a suspicious
4 activity report; and
5 receive a response to the prompt.

1 20. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the application
2 software also programs the transaction device to determine whether an operator has elected to
3 produce an on-demand SAR.

1 21. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the application
2 software further programs the transaction device to print a report relating to SARs produced
3 at the transaction processing device during a period of time.

1 22. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the transaction
2 processing device is configured to print money orders.